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SECRETMISCELLANEOUS1. OTK

OTK is the department for Technical Acceptance in Factory GOMZ.

Acceptance is made on the basis of conditions drawn up by the Works Technical Bureaux in collaboration with OTK Inspectors. These inspectors hold specifications, called GOST, which are issued by appropriate departments of the Industrial Ministries. The departments have staffs of specialists whose job it is to study foreign specifications and adapt them to Russian conditions and standards. In fact, inspection in the GOMS Works is limited by the testing and measuring apparatus available. The OTK inspector usually checks (i) completeness of the article and (ii) the number of pieces made. Furthermore, owing to the quota system and the necessity of fulfilment by the end of each month, towards the month end the inspectors are subject to pressure; then inspection became even more superficial. A technical inspection by OTK inspectors usually consists of a brief comparison of data on the Works test certificates with the GOST specifications. The Works test sheets are always signed by members of the Russian staff.

After inspection the products are marked with an indicator printed on brown paper like packing paper. This certificate signed by the Russian Head of the Production Department concerned and by the OTK inspector, gives (a) Works sign



(b) a technical specification, and (c) date of manufacture. These forms are printed in the Works.

The form described in answer (b) is tied to or wrapped round the product; or it is attached to the inside of the packing case lid; or it is simply folded and pushed down among the articles contained in the crate.

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It was noticed [redacted] that the form was always attached to household articles (electric irons, etc.) displayed in the shops. In addition the products themselves carry a black metal plate with the Works sign, the GOST number and the designation of type. The following are designations used in the department under consideration:

ISP. 22 = Industrial spectrograph, type 22

MIR. 13 = Measuring microscope, type 13

SP = Spectro projector

KS. 55 = LITROV spectrograph, type 55. (The ZEISS designation for this instrument was QG, i.e. Quartz glass, and the Russians simply translated it - KVERTS-STEKLO.

TG. 2 = Spark generator, type 2

DG. 2 = Arc generator, type 2

PS. 18 = Projection apparatus, type 18.

The lettering on the plate is engraved by means of a stencil in white or aluminium. There is a special department in the Works which produces these plates, which are fixed to the article with screws.

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The form indicated in answer (b) is attached or included in the crate by the OTK inspector in the assembly shop of each Production department, as soon as the goods are ready for despatch. They are then packed under the inspector's supervision and the package taken to a special storage depot called BARSKIAD, which is kept locked. The packages are not sealed in any way. Cases of theft are quite frequent in the Works, but it cannot be said, of course, to what extent pilfering occurs outside.

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The OTK was centralised inasmuch as its Works HQ was situated in the administrative building. [ ] found it difficult to estimate the number of OTK men in the Works Centre, (Zentrale) but he finally thought the figure was 4 or 5 and the number of OTK inspectors about 20. Thus the OTK staff is about 25 in all. The inspectors deal with all types of product and work in any department which has an assembly shop. The number of articles inspected each day by each man varies according to the article, but it is estimated that one inspector could, for example, deal with 300 or 400 cameras or six sets of apparatus, each consisting of 30 parts, in one day. The signature on the acceptance form indicates which man has carried out the inspection.

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Individual inspectors have a great deal of authority and their word is final: even the Works Director has to abide by their decision. They do, however, consult technical staff and foremen as to whether deviations from specifications can be allowed. Articles are seldom rejected, but it has happened that inspectors have been removed because complaints have been received from buyers. On the other hand it is so important that the monthly quota should be fulfilled that the OTK staff are glad to receive co-operation from technical staff and German consultants.

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OTK staff wear no distinctive clothing or badges; they carry only war service badges and sports insignia. Our informant assumes that they are all party members, but that they also are under Department 1 (SMIRNOV) MVD which conducted espionage within the Works and they are probably reported on by persons belonging to that department. OTK inspectors are not shown any particular deference by the other workers with whom, indeed, they are mostly on familiar terms. The inspectors are granted a certain percentage of the bonus given for quota fulfilment and, as stated before, they are eager to obtain all possible co-operation in getting the goods away.

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[ ] did not come into direct contact with many inspectors, but [ ] noticed that some of them had formerly worked as foremen or mechanics in various GOMS departments. [ ] therefore assumes that no special technical qualifications are required and that general experience in the manufacture of the goods they have to inspect is sufficient. In short, they are probably good workmen without special training: they are not very knowledgeable and are all fairly young.

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